

*Patent*Atty Dkt: IDF 1496
4000-02200**REMARKS**

At the time of the office action of April 21, 2004, Claims 1-7 were pending in this patent application. In the office action, Claim 5 was rejected and Claims 1-4, 6 and 7 were objected to. By this amendment, Claims 5, 6 and 7 have been cancelled, Claims 1-4 have been amended, new Claims 8 and 9 are presented as replacements for Claims 6 and 7 respectively, and a new Claim 10 is presented. Reconsideration of Claims 1-4 and 8-10 is requested.

Claims 1-7 were objected to for various informalities. The corrections required by the Examiner have been made by this amendment. Additional corrections consistent with those required by the Examiner have also been made.

With reference to Claim 1, line 7, the Examiner required insertion of "read data" after - UTOPIA-. The Applicants believe that the proper correction would be to insert "address" at this location and have done so by this amendment.

New Claims 8 and 9 include all of the limitations of the original Claims 6 and 7 respectively. In addition, the required corrections to Claim 5, from which Claims 6 and 7 depended, have been included in the new Claims 8 and 9.

New Claim 10 further limits Claim 1 to an UTOPIA read data bus comprising a backplane. This claim is supported by the specification in several places. See for example, the Field of the Invention at page 1, lines 5-8, the Background at page 6, lines 4-6, the Summary at page 7, lines 6-7, and the specification at page 10, lines 11-12 and at page 13, lines 16-18.

The Applicants submit that with the present amendments, Claims 1-4 and 8-10 are in condition for allowance.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 21-0765, Sprint.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288.

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